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| In re application of: MADURAWE Application No.: 10/691,013 Filed: 10/23/2003 For: Programmable Interconnect Structures | Examiner: Don P. Lc Art Unit: 2819 <u>AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE</u> |
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12/19/2005

Commissioner for Patents
 PO Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
 Sir:

In a Phone Conference Call to the Applicant, the examiner noted that the elected structure covers claims 6-42.

- I: Arguments to place Claims 1-5 in the same category were found not acceptable.
- II: Arguments to place Claims 43-48 in the same category were found not acceptable.
- III: Claims 23-26, 28-29, 39-42 drawn to the elected structure had rejected base claims. If rewritten in independent form, these claims would be allowable.
- IV: Claims 6-22, 27, 30-38 are allowed.

Please find enclosed the responses to all issues in the phone communication. Claims 1-5 are deleted. Claims 43-48 are deleted. The objected claims with rejected base claims are rewritten in independent form. The Applicant gratefully appreciates the telephone conference by the examiner. Withdrawal of all objections and restrictions is respectfully requested.

Please amend the claims as listed below.